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SUBJ: MBFR: DELEGATION HEADS FOR NEGOTIATIONS

1. IN ADDITION TO WOLFGANG BEHRENDTS WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY FRG AS HEAD OF FRG DELEGATION TO MBFR NEGOTIATIONS PROPER, SEVERAL OTHER HEADS OF ALLIED DIRECT PARTICIPANT DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN SELECTED. UK REP HAS INFORMED US IN CONFIDENCE THAT UK DELEGATION HEAD WILL BE CLIVE ROSE, NOW IN CHARGE OF POLITICAL- MILITARY AFFAIRS IN UK FOREIGN OFFICE. CANADIAN REP GRANDE INFORMS US HE EXPECTS TO BE NAMED AS HEAD OF CANADIAN DELEGATION. INFORMATION ON THESE TWO DESIGNATIONS WAS PASSED IN CONFIDENCE WHICH SHOULD BE MAINTAINED UNTIL THE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES CONCERNED TRANSMIT INFORMATION OFFICIALLY.

2. NETHERLANDS REP QUARLES HAS INFORMED US HE INTENDS IF POSSIBLE TO HEAD BACKSTOPPING OPERATION FOR NETHERLANDS MBFR DELEGATION IN THE HAGUE SINCE HE DOES NOT WISH FOR FAMILY REASONS TO BE STATIONED IN VIENNA FOR LONG PERIOD. HOWEVER, HE SAYS HE MAY HAVE

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TO HEAD NETHERLANDS DELEGATION IN FIRST PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL NEW PERMANENT DELEGATION HEAD CAN BE FOUND. JEAN ADRIAENSEN, BELGIAN REP, IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO HEAD THE BELGIAN DELEGATION, UNFORTUNATELY ONLY PART- TIME, ALTERNATING BETWEEN VIENNA AND BRUSSELS.

3. HEADS OF OTHER ALLIED DELEGATIONS NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT WITH EXCEPTION OF TURKEY, WHERE TULUMEN DESIRES TO BE NAMED HEAD OF DELEGATION AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE GOOD CHANCE OF DESIGNATION.

4. ON EASTERN SIDE, SOVIET REP KHLESTOV TELLS US HE IS MAKING ENERGETIC EFFORTS TO GET RELIEVED OF THE MBFR ASSIGNMENT SO HE CAN RETURN TO POSITION AS HEAD OF LEGAL SECTION OF SOVIET MFA WHICH HE WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE TO ABANDON. EAST GERMAN REP BRIE AND POLISH REP STRULAK HAVE TOLD US THEY BELIEVE THERE IS CHANCE KHLESTOV WILL NEVERTHELESS BE RETAINED. DECISION MAY DEPEND ON PART ON CHARACTER OF US REPRESENTATION.

5. POLISH REP STRULAK WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO HEAD POLISH DELEGATION IN NEGOTIATIONS. SAME IS POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH LESS FIRM, FOR LAHODA, CZECHOSLOVAK REP. EAST GERMAN REP BRIE REPORTS HE HAD MADE STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO GET OUT OF PRESENT ASSIGNMENT AND MAY BE SUCCESSFUL. NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT PRESENT ON EASTERN DELEGATIONS. MOWINCKEL

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